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RCMP in Alberta will be taking a more forward leaning approach in the AM. e.g, arresting and towing... working hard at getting traffic moving through road openings and possible rerouting. Will provide more info when it becomes available.

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ISSUE:

- To provide a summary of the situation to date regarding the province-wide trucker convoy protests (moving vehicle rallies) and blockade being held on January 29 and 30, 2022 at various locations throughout the province of Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- The Freedom Convoys were promoting awareness for the cross border vaccination health orders applicable to truck drivers transporting goods. These were held in conjunction with the convoys that travelled to Ottawa, ON.
- RCMP K DEOC was activated for this event, and will continue to coordinate information, resources and tasking through this central point as the protests continue to occur.
- There were a number of events that occurred throughout the province of Alberta on January 29, 2022. A number of groups containing large numbers of vehicles met at the Edmonton Legislature.
- The area of highest concern remains the blockade at the Coutts border crossing and surrounding area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Convoys consisting of semi trucks and passenger vehicles formed in a number of locations across the province. In some towns and municipalities, these convoys travelled directly to Edmonton to meet up with the other groups at the Legislature, causing traffic disruptions along the major highways into Edmonton. In other locations (such as Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie), the convoys remained in their respective locations and caused local traffic disruptions.
- As of January 30, 2022, all protests within RCMP jurisdiction (with the exception of the Coutts blockade) appear to have finished.
- Highway 4 to and from the Canadian side of the border crossing at Coutts, Alberta remains completely blocked. The blockade (primarily the semi truck blocking the northbound lane with smaller truck reinforcements) is being controlled by splinter groups.
- The organizers of the Coutts protest are distancing themselves from the splinter groups.
- The Consultative Conflict Management Group (CCMG) continues trying to engage protest participants, however, the engagement from the organizers has diminished and the splinter groups have not been

receptive to any options regarding movement of any part of the blockade. The splinter groups are refusing to engage in ongoing communications.

- A joint initiative between RCMP, CBSA, and the US Customs and Border Services has begun which involves escorting approximately 30 semi trucks that were stuck just north of the border (in the border clearance lot), to a secondary roadway and will allow the trucks to re-enter Highway 4 and head northbound once past the blockages.
- K DEOC is assisting with identifying and mobilizing additional resources to deal with the situation.
- RCMP will continue to monitor and respond to the situation as required.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Social media accounts continue to be monitored, there was a shift from a primarily positive to a more negative sentiment regarding the police response, and it has now shifted back to a mixed sentiment.
- Social media posts have been put out from the Alberta RCMP Twitter and Facebook accounts for public safety, activity and comments on both feeds have increased dramatically.
- Ongoing need identified for consistent messaging among agencies.

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